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We Have Some Lovely New Dress Goods In Our  
Dry Goods Department. Let Us Show You.

--VAN PELT, KIRK & MACK

## FATHER AND CHILD

### BURN TO DEATH

Child Runs Into Burning Building to Find Father and Perishes With Her Parent.

Fort Smith, Ark., April 16.—E. J. Smith, aged 40, and his three year old daughter, Myrtle, were burned to death and Smith's nine month's old babe and his housekeeper were perhaps fatally burned in a fire that destroyed the Smith home near Texarkana today.

The family was awakened by the collapse of the roof of the home. Smith carried the eldest child to safety and then rescued the housekeeper and babe. While he was engaged in saving clothing the oldest child ran into the house to find him. Both were imprisoned in the burning house by a second collapse of the roof.

### WILL TRY MAKING RAIN.

The following from the State press will no doubt be interesting reading to the citizens of San Angelo, who entertained the rain-makers last year, and who are no doubt wiser by their experience:

Dallas, April 14.—North Texas need have no fear of crop failures during the coming hot months of summer, if the plans of local business men and Prof. Hatfield, the famous rain-maker, succeed.

J. S. Kendall has issued a letter to the Dallas prominent business men, telling them of the plan to cause a ten-inch rainfall in the territory adjacent to Dallas during the corn-making period this summer.

## SHERIFF FLYNT RETURNS FROM ABILENE

Sheriff Flynt returned Thursday afternoon from Abilene where he went on legal business. He says a carnival company is making fun for the Abilene people and that town is a little livelier than usual. Mr. Flynt says that it is reported on the streets of Abilene that Judge Bledsoe is in South America. It will be remembered that Judge Bledsoe was arrested some time ago for forgery, it having been charged against him that he had defrauded the county of considerable money, and it was while he was being brought back to Abilene in the custody of the sheriff that he made his escape.

## BOLL WEEVIL COMING TO BALLINGER.

The directors of the Boll Weevil Telephone Co., have asked the directors of the Business League to call a meeting and allow them to come before them with a proposition pertaining to the extension of Boll Weevil Telephone Co. and the probable building of a line into Ballinger.

## QUITE COMPLIMENTARY

Hon. John T. Bonner, of Tyler, Texas, who spoke at the K of P Lodge in our city Wednesday night and said this was his first visit to our city and said he was agreeably surprised to find such substantial and well built business houses and beautiful residences and the streets were the cleanest and best kept he had seen, with one exception, in all his travels over the State.

A. B. Williams, of Miles, passed through Ballinger Thursday afternoon en route home from a short business trip to Winters.

## STETSON



**I**n your capacity as a well-dressed citizen—you want one of these Soft or Stiff Stetsons for Spring, 1913. We are proud of our showing. They are worthy of the distinguished Stetson name, and of the position of this store with the well-dressed young men who favor us with their custom.

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## NEW PLAY HOUSE FOR THE PRINCESS.

Roy Reeder, the popular manager of the Princess, has leased the lot where the recent fire occurred next door to the Walker Drug Co., and will begin at once the work of building a modern out door play house. The plans called for a front that will be a credit to that side of the street, and the interior which will be covered by the blue canopy of heaven, will be made a place of comfort for the patrons of the Princess. An inclined floor will be built and a stage with two drop curtains will be provided. Everything throughout the new play house will be modern in every detail.

## INDIAN RUNNER DUCKS AND DOMINECKER HENS

If the Indian Runner duck lives up to the advance notices and doesn't go the Belgian hare route it should easily solve the egg problem and Saturday half holiday besides. If we have not misinterpreted the poultry catalogue literature which we have been striving to master, the Indian Runner duck has no mission in life except to lay and it stays on the job the year around, laying one egg a day throughout the calendar year. If Robinson Crusoe had possessed an Indian Runner duck when he got marooned on the island he could have kept tab on the passage of time by counting his duck eggs over occasionally. While we have no disposition to discredit the Indian Runner duck egg statistics, we shall not become excited and go daffy over this strange new bird. The Van Zandt dominecker hen hasn't gone anywhere yet, and all must concede that she is some egg producer herself. More than that she can outeagle any Indian Runner duck that ever saw the noon and sing it to shame besides.—Grand Caline Journal.

Frank Schroeder, of the Rowena country, was in the city today and reports his little son doing very nicely at the Halley & Love sanitarium. Mr. Schroeder expressed himself as well pleased with the consolidation of the Banner-Ledger and says it's a splendid newsy paper.

## FREIGHT RATE RULING MAKES GREAT SAVING

The ruling of the Interstate Commerce Commission handed down this week means that the people of Ballinger and all the trade territory, as well as all the territory in the effected district, will save annually thousands of dollars in freight money. It will be remembered that an effort was made last summer to push Ballinger out of the common point territory, and all the towns in the territory effected by the move joined in a fight to maintain the common point rate. A half dozen towns joined into together and \$2000 to fight the move. A lawyer was employed, and witnesses went before the Commission and showed that Ballinger was entitled to remain in the common point territory. After keeping the matter under advisement for about six months the Commission ruled favorable to Ballinger, and it will make a saving of from 3 cents to 10 cents on the hundred on certain class of freight.

Those who contributed of their means and time in fighting the change deserve the thanks of the whole people, for the whole people would have the bill to pay if the increased rate had been in force.

## THE PENALTY OF OVER-PRODUCTION

The Federal Census Report proves the wisdom of the Farmer's Union in appealing to the farmers to reduce the cotton acreage this season and the statistics bring out with mathematical exactness the penalty of over-production. The Federal Reports show that the United States produced 16, 109,349 bales in 1911, which sold for \$732,420,000 and in 1910 there were 11,965,962 bales produced which sold for \$820,320,000. The 1911 crop exceeded the 1910 production by 4,137,387 bales and sold for \$87,900,000 less.

There are 232,076 acres of cultivated land in Runnels county and 121,957 acres are devoted to the production of cotton. The record shows that 53 per cent of our improved farm land is devoted to cotton and it has been the predominant crop ever since the county was settled.

Runnels County produced 31,671 bales of cotton in 1911, which sold for \$1,425,195 against 15,001 bales in 1910, which sold for \$714,068, making an increase of 21,170 bales and a decrease in the average farm value of 23.09 per bale.

## BIG FISH MAKE

### BIG FISH FRY

Greatest Fish Fry of Season Held Thursday on W. T. Routh Place Above Town. 250lb Feed Crowd.

The neighbors and quite a number of friends met in the Routh pasture on Elm creek Thursday to participate in a fish fry and picnic. The occasion was the result of the capture of over 250 pounds of cat fish the evening before. There were ten fish in the lot and they averaged over 25 pounds each. The largest weighed sixty pounds and the smallest fifteen. They were caught by hand in a hole of water on Mr. Routh's place where the water had been pumped low by the irrigation pump. Besides the large fish caught there were some smaller ones, and these were distributed out among the neighbors, and many of them were put back in the water.

The neighbor ladies added to the splendid fish fry by all bringing buckets of other good things to eat, and it was one of the most successful and enjoyable spreads it has ever been our pleasure to participate in.

## GREAT AUTO SHOW.

San Antonio, Tex., April 15.—All arrangements have been completed for the great automobile show to be held April 20 to April 27, during the Fiesta San Jacinto and Battle of Flowers week, which opens next Monday. Every auto dealer in the city and many from other sections of the State have secured floor space in the Menger garage and have installed their exhibits. The show will be the largest and finest that has ever been given in the Southwest and will rival those held in the northern and eastern cities.

## A BIG HOP.

Mr. Charlie Seible, of the Hatchel country, was in Ballinger Tuesday attending the meeting of the German Aid Insurance Co., and informed us that there would be a big hop Saturday night, April 19th, at the platform on Bluff creek in Fred Prusser's pasture. A large crowd and a big time is expected on this occasion, being the first of this annual event for this spring.

Weather Report  
Tonight and Friday fair.



If a burglar gets into your house and you have money concealed there, the burglar will get your money. That is the burglar's business. The burglar will know you have the money before he goes into your house: that is the burglar's business. OUR business is to PROTECT your money. If it is in our bank, it will be SAFE from burglar's, from fire and your own extravagance; you can not lend, spend it, or lose it easily.

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**THE DAILY LEDGER**

Published every afternoon except Sunday by the Ballinger Printing Co.

Tomorrow is clean up day. Get busy.

The weather prophet says it will rain at the end of this dry spell. Cheer up.

Three women have recently been elected school trustees at Waco. The State Press says women are treading on dangerous ground, and they are going to be called on for a poll tax. Its a very necessary article when it come to voting, ladies.

Engines can be heard up and down the Colorado river shooting water on to fields of oats, alfalfa, etc., and every exhaust of the engine means big bright copper cents falling into the farmer's pocket. The farmers who have an irrigation plant and plenty water is not worrying about the dry weather.

The meningitis has broke out in the United States navy and ten sailors are dead on the battleship California. The strictest rules governing sanitation are practiced in the navy, and the officers are at a loss as where to lay the blame. Another peculiar thing happened a few days ago when a pure food dinner was given at a woman's training school in Chicago, when out of the 200 pupils who participated in the pure food dinner 194 came near dying from ptomaine poison.

Notwithstanding that daily papers report almost daily the bringing in of another oil well, and the rapid development of the oil fields all over the country, the price

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**W. L. WELDON**

continues to climb, and that too in the face of the fact that the big "daddy" oil company has been punished with a fine for violating the anti-trust law, and contriouted about two million dollars to the state. It is certainly taking the people a long time to pay that fine back. We suggest that the courts "hand off" in the future and quit punishing the people by fining the oil companies.

We call the attention of our readers to an ad for the Ballinger Summer Normal in this week's issue of the Banner-Ledger. Those interested in educational matters, and that means everybody, should help to advertise the normal, and make it the most successful held in Texas. Advantages for holding a normal here compare favorably with any place in the state, and the teachers that attend the normal will have no cause to regret that they came here. The location is healthy, the climate ideal, and every convenience that one could wish for. Those desiring to know about the normal can obtain advertising matter by addressing Prof. W. S. Fleming at Ballinger.

**MAN AND MONKEY.**  
 The question of the simian ancestry of man has long been the subject of jest. From the zoological point of view it has been a matter of more serious concern as far as the position of man in any scheme of classification is involved. With the advent of modern methods of study applied to blood and the problems of immunity, data of a new sort have been furnished to bear on the real relationship of man to some of his animal competitors. To this evidence of blood relationship have now been added fresh facts derived from the study of nutrition. The long-known contrast between man and the animals, according to The Journal of the American Medical Association, is thus made less striking by the discovery of those intermediate species exhibiting human characteristics in more than one way. The gap has been bridged by the studies on the anthropoid apes which have now furnished to science the reputable evidence for that relationship which the behavior of apes in vaudeville and elsewhere has strongly suggested.

**LOOKING FOR GRANDDADY.**  
 A beautiful child is the most attractive thing in all the world. There is an irresistible desire when one sees a little child, perfectly clean, eyes gleaming with the glory of perfect health and beaming with innocence and purity, to take the child in one's arms and press kisses upon its rosy lips. At the good roads meeting Friday there were many pretty children, but one in particular attracted the attention of the writer. She was a dainty, lovable child,

immaculately clean, clothed in white, with a face as sweet as an angel's smile. I noticed her first walking in and out among the crowd, threading her way hither and thither, as if in search of some one. As she passed the men, who were sitting on the ground, listening to a speech, they would help her along, lifting her over close places, and her eyes would dance with pleasure, and her lips would part in an exquisite smile, showing her pearly white teeth, and dimples like dents in a red ripe peach.

Several times she passed where I was sitting. "I'm looking for granddaddy." I could not keep my eyes off the little fairy, so earnest was she in her search. Finally she located her granddaddy, and I saw her rush into his eager arms, throw her dimpled arms about his neck, and shower kisses upon his wrinkled face, as he clasped her close to his aged heart.

That was a picture I will never forget, and as I watched it I forgot the speaker and the throng, and my mind went back to Cleburne, where my own little baby boy was waiting, open-armed for daddy to return to him.

God bless the little children, for they are the light and the hope of the world, the guarantee of immortality, the perpetuation of truth, virtue, purity, and innocence. Their smile is heaven-born and their laugh is the music of the angel serenade. They keep the world from growing old, and they guard and sanctify the home. Without them home is desolate and life holds no charm. It seems a pity that they will grow old, and that they must come in contact with the world, learn something of the unsteadiness of men, and lose that precious innocence that is their badge of kinship with our Creator. But others are always coming on to take their places, and thus youth is perpetuated, and love and hope and happiness kept alive. —Cleburne Enterprise.

**BOYS AND GIRLS.**

School days are getting mighty long for the boy. He dreams of the rippling brook, the fish playing in the sparkling water and the bird's nest just over the way. But say, don't you wish you were a boy again?—Daily Ledger.

That sort of boy's getting scarce, too. Wish there were more of him. The modern school boy wants to get out of school and dress up and go see the girls. He wants to get out of school and wants to swap fraternity pins with 'em and blow cigarette smoke in their faces to show them he's the real thing. The real boy, catching or trying to catch the bony sunperch off the old rock dam while the water gurgles through the trash-littered water gate, and the skipacks are skimming over the pond behind the rocks, is the real old-fashioned boy, and, praises be, some of him still lives—still carrying bait in a paper in his pocket; still sucking all day on a phenomenally tough candy ball—still devising ways of amusement of his own, maybe not approved by everybody, but relatively harmless—a real, honest boy of what might be called the old school.—State Press in Dallas News.

**TO ORGANIZE.**

The young progressive of Ballinger are organizing an association to be known as The Young People Progressive League of Runnels County.

A meeting has been called by the organization committee to be held at the Carnegie Library next Saturday afternoon at 3:30, for the purpose of electing officers and mapping out a program for a vigorous campaign to increase the prosperity and general happiness of the citizens of Runnels County. The rules of the association do not permit anyone from joining who is over 106, or under 16, unless it can be proven that the person so asking for membership has enough optimism to out weigh the handicap of years.

Judge C. H. Willingham and County Surveyor J. E. Powell came in Wednesday night from the Wylie ranch where they had been locating some lines and corners for Judge Gross who recently bought 10,000 acres of land

**-- The Ballinger Dairy --**

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Tailor to His Majesty  
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My store is the first one you pass coming to town, and the last one going home. Buy your Cigars, Candies, Cold Drinks and Ice Cream from me.

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**Purely Personal**

Jim Mitchell, the express man, left Thursday morning on a short business trip to Hamlin.

from the Wylie estate. R. B. Hamoright, of the Norton country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Thursday.

**A BARGAIN.**

25 Tailor made suits to sell \$15 guaranteed to fit. "The Globe." Phone 320. 16-3td

Fog Coffee and J. W. Littlefield, of the Leaday country, spent Wednesday in Ballinger and left on the afternoon train for Coleman where they go to attend District court.

To have a fine healthy complexion—the liver must be active, the bowels regular and the blood pure. All this is brought about by using Herbine. It thoroughly scours the liver, stomach and bowels, puts the body in fine condition and restores that clear, pink and white complexion so much desired by ladies. Price 50c. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Halfman of the Rowena country, were shopping in Ballinger Wednesday.

Mrs. M. N. Gustavus and baby, left Thursday at noon to visit relatives at San Angelo a few days. Her sister, Miss Zora Gaines, who had been visiting in our city the past few weeks, accompanied her home.

Judge J. B. Wade and Lawrence Shields were passengers on the West bound Santa Fe Thursday at noon en rout to San Angelo on a short business trip.

A valuable dressing for flesh wounds, burns, scalds, old sores, rash, chafed skin, is Ballard's Lintiment. It is both healing and antiseptic. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

Rub the joints with Ballard's Snow Lintiment to relieve rheumatism. It penetrates the flesh to the bone conveying its soothing and restorative influence to the spot where the pain exists. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

W. F. Rampage and D. E. Moody, made a business trip to Paint Rock Wednesday and returned to Ballinger in the afternoon.

Henry Seipp, the one-horse farmer of the Maverick country, was supplying in Ballinger Thursday and greeting his many Ballinger friends.

Little Misses Flora and Mary Holman, of San Angelo, who had been visiting their aunt, Mrs. Geo. Vaughn for some time past, left at noon Thursday for their home. They joined their mother, Mrs. Holman, en route home from a visit to relatives in Missouri.

**WANTED.**

25 men to buy tailor made suits for only \$15.00. The Globe. Phone 320. 16-3td

U. E. Hartman and W. A. Nance returned home Thursday morning from a short business trip West.

Ben S. Long returned home Wednesday night from an extended business trip to points in Central and East Texas.

**WANTED.**

Wanted to buy one pair of good delivery horses to deliver 25 lb sack granulated anywhere in the city limits for \$1.24. Phone 320. R. P. Conn. 16-3td

**WANTED TO BUY.**

A pair of extra good horses to deliver "Belle of Wiehita" Flour \$1.49 a sack. R. P. Conn. "The Globe." 16-3td.

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Tickets on sale at Walker Drug Co. Prices 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50

neer, left Wednesday afternoon to join his wife at Coleman on a short visit to relatives and friends.

**WANTED.**

Want to buy 500 bushels oats at once. Phone 320. The Globe 16-3td.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Halfman, and baby of the Rowena country, came in Wednesday and Mrs. Halfman and baby left in the afternoon to visit relatives and friends at her old home at Sealey, Texas, a few weeks.

Mrs. J. D. Perkins and two children left at noon Thursday on a visit to relatives and friends at Miles.

A prudent mother is always on the watch for symptoms of worms in her children. Paleness, lack of interest in play and peevishness is the signal for White's Cream Vermifuge. A few doses of this excellent remedy puts an end to the worms and the child soon acts naturally. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

Mrs. E. E. Dillingham and children, who had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Wardlow of South Ballinger, left Thursday morning to visit her sister at Post City for a few weeks.

W. B. Woods, of the Winters country, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

**PEOPLE SHOULD GUARD AGAINST APPENDICITIS**

Ballinger people who have stomach and bowel trouble should guard against appendicitis by taking simple Buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as compounded in Adler-ika, the German remedy which became famous by curing appendicitis. A single dose relieves sour stomach and constipation instantly because this simple mixture antiseptizes the digestive organs and rids off the impurities. The Walker Drug Co.



In Madam Sherry Friday night

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I have the latest Parisian models at American prices. Yes at Runnels County prices. Don't buy till you look at my stock.

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A Dreamland Tragedy

Dad's Mistake

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Second Show Begins 8:45

Admission Ten Cents

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### LANE RUNNING FOR GOV. ERNOR ON OWN HOOK

Austin, Tex., April 16.—"I am making the race for governor on my own responsibility, and I expect to win," said Comptroller W. P. Lane yesterday, when the fact

that Thomas H. Ball of Houston, had been announced an active candidate for gubernatorial honors was mentioned to him.

"It makes no difference to me who enters the race," he said. "I am in it to stay. I announced my candidacy for governor and I am going to stick with it."

### NOTICE

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E. Shum, of the Maverick country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

Cam Murry, of Novice, had business in Ballinger between trains Thursday.

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh—a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietary have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

### MAZELAND.

I think the outlook for Runnels County farmers is fairly good. Conditions are being more successfully combated and a general farm system installed on every well regulated home that will bring greater profits for a lesser outlay of labor and expense. One man can now run two riding planters in a breast and thus save the expense of an extra hand who would cost him \$30 per month, counting his board.

Two section harrows, each taking three rows, can be run the same way covering 40 acres a day and demolishing multiplied millions of little weeds.

Another hopeful sign is the increased amount of land being put under irrigation. Three plants are being put in on Oak creek and doubtless others will follow the good example.

Some of our neighbors have paid their homes out and now they are coming loyally to the assistance of others and this fact of itself articulates the broadness and goodness of our western citizenship. As others pay out and lend a helping hand the country will as usual a still better financial condition and prosperity will smile from ear to ear. Social conditions are keeping pace with the general improvement and development of the country.

Last Friday night at Mazeland the question of "Woman and money" was threshed out in the literary and on Saturday night at Oak creek school house the subject of woman suffrage was discussed in the presence of a crowded house. The social center move is abroad and the rural school houses are being popularized. We are plugging away for the rural high school. We are told that the townspeople will fight the move for high schools in the country.

It is coming and friction between the towns and country would be foolishness.

Co-operation is a mighty fine word—mighty fine.

Runnels county will not reach her zenith until farmers and townspeople learn to get together, and pull together in double team

# COZY THEATRE

TONIGHT

## PICTURE PROGRAM

Death Valley—Seoty's Mine

Faithful Until Death.

Tom Thumb.

First Show Starts at 7:45

Second Show Starts at 8:45

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